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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT



To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to Office NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION, dated November 8, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Regarding the Abstract:

Please insert the following as a separate sheet and as the Abstract for the application:

ABSTRACT

Pharyngoesophageal monitoring systems are provided that monitor the environment of the pharynx and esophagus, and in some embodiments, detect and monitor refluxate, and may further record other physical episode data. The system may be provided, in some embodiments, as a bifurcated, adjustable, multiple internal reference probe, and methods thereof, to detect acid